

Alfie's

2 3 4 5 6 7 8



Numbers

Shirley Hughes



Looking at numbers with Alfie is the very best way to learn to count.

With her wonderful words and pictures, Shirley Hughes makes every number memorable — from **one** small boy called Alfie to Annie Rose's **ten** little toes. Each number is large and brightly coloured to encourage recognition, and fans of the Alfie books will enjoy counting the objects in some of their favourite pictures.

Here are **eight** more Alfie books for you to enjoy!

Alfie Gets in First

Alfie's Feet

Alfie Gives a Hand

An Evening at Alfie's

Alfie and the Birthday Surprise

The Big Alfie and Annie Rose Storybook

The Big Alfie Out of Doors Storybook

Alfie's Alphabet

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One, two, three – go!
Here's **one** little boy called Alfie,
running up the street.

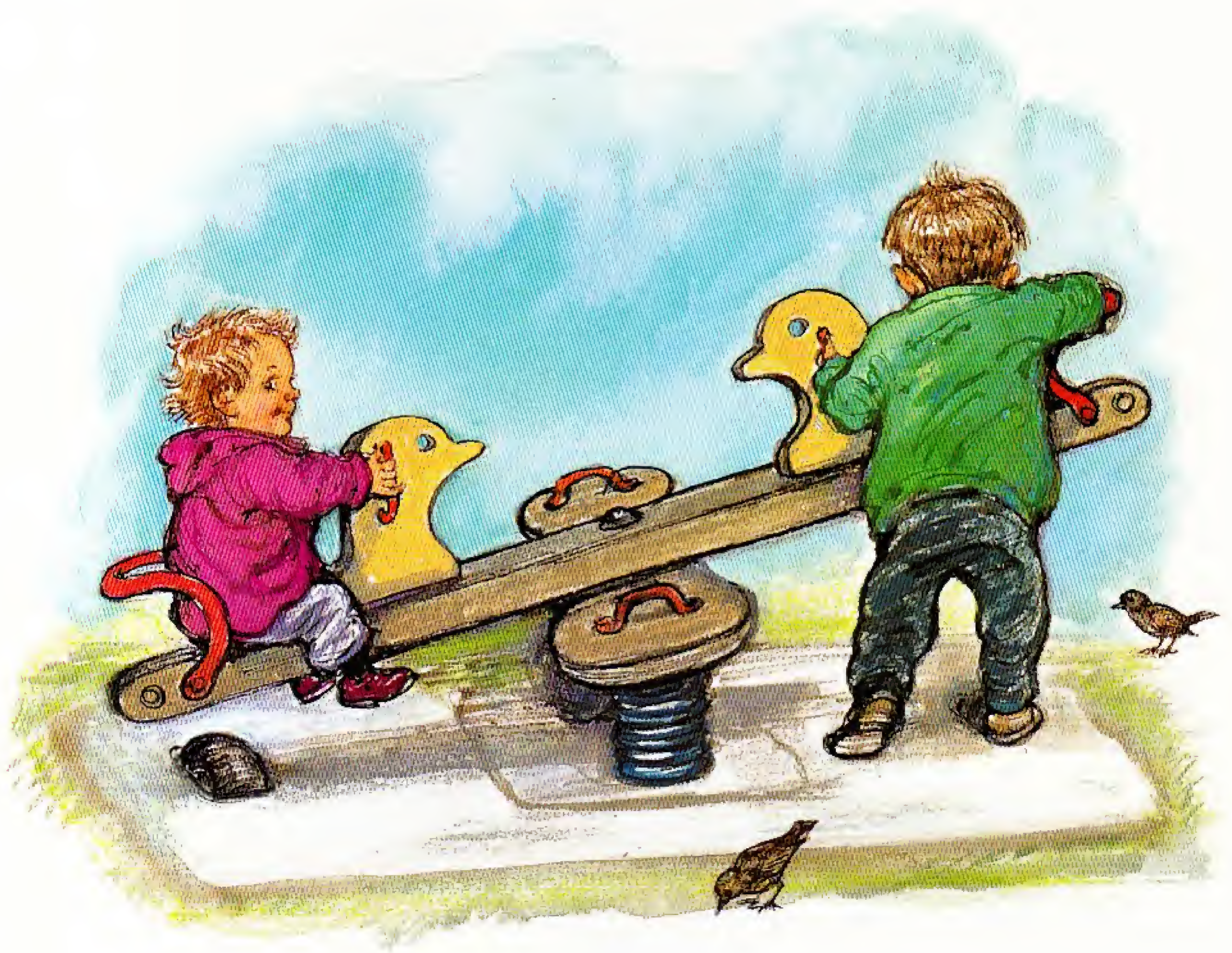


Two's company.

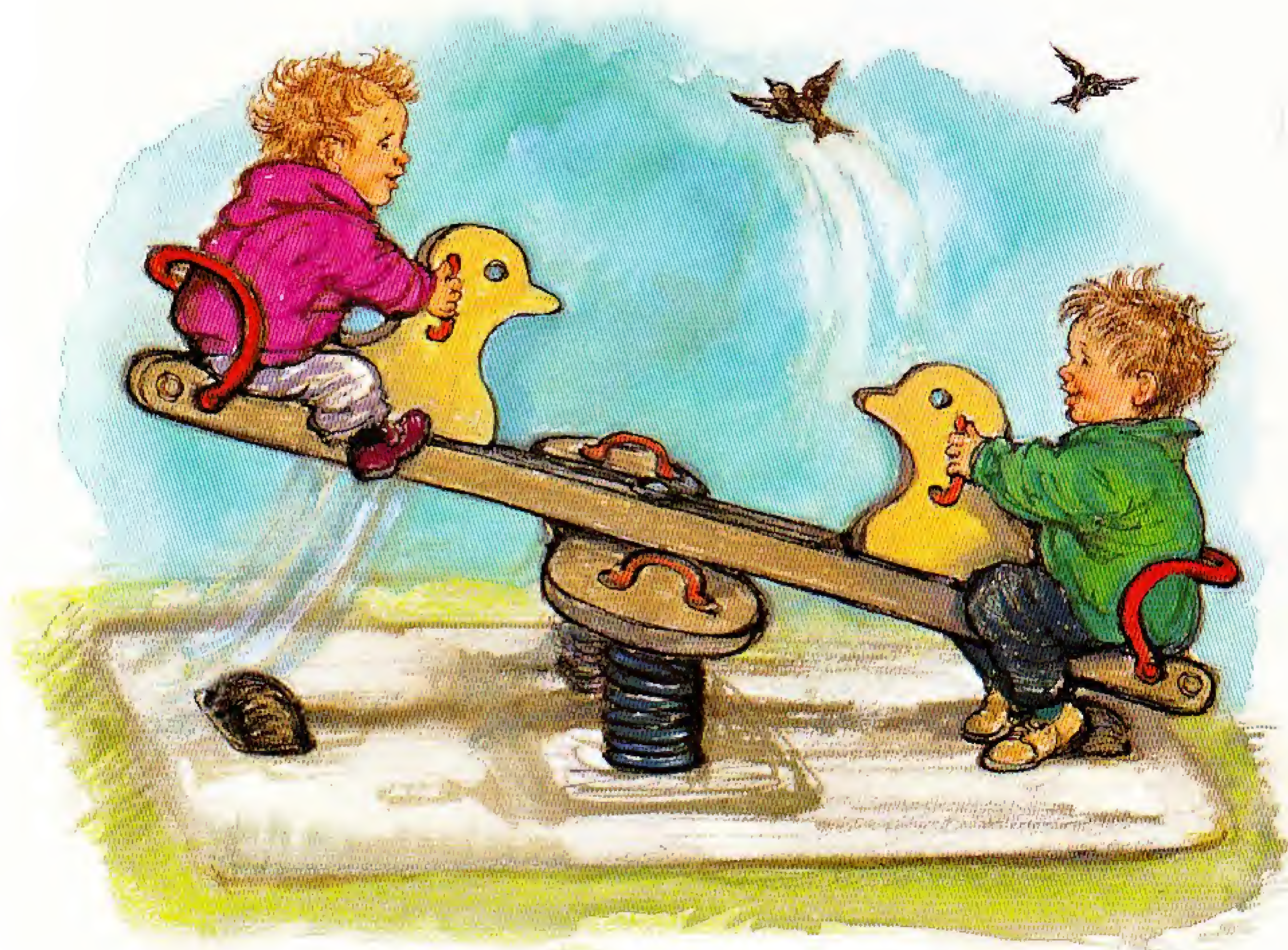
Alfie can count and he's teaching
his little sister Annie Rose.

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It takes **two** to see-saw.

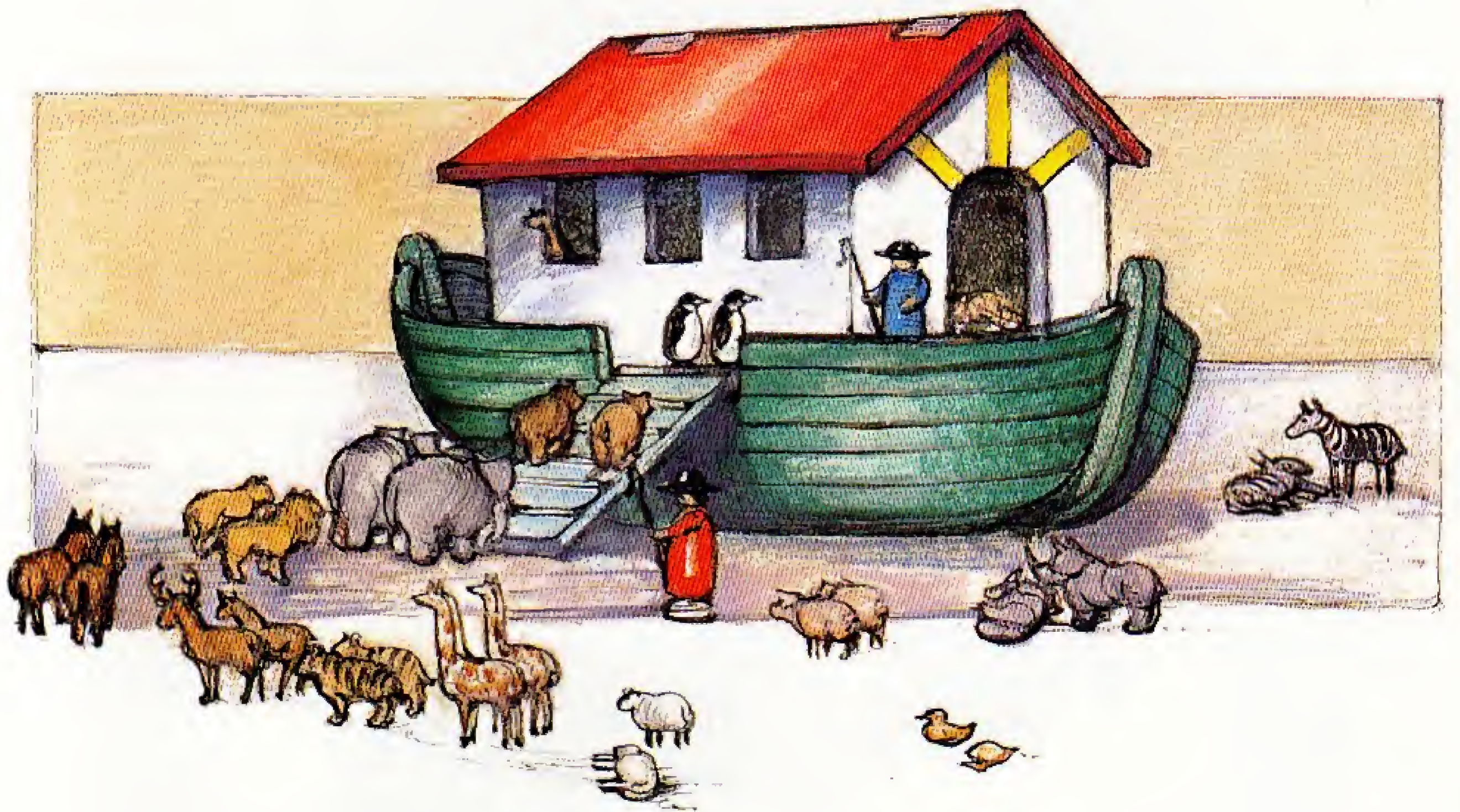


But when Alfie gets on, Annie Rose goes
up in the air and Alfie hits the ground
— plonk! (I wonder why?)

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Here are **two** pairs of shoes.
One pair is Alfie's and the other belongs
to Annie Rose. That makes one, two, three,
four shoes altogether!



And here are Alfie's Noah's Ark animals,
walking **two** by **two**.

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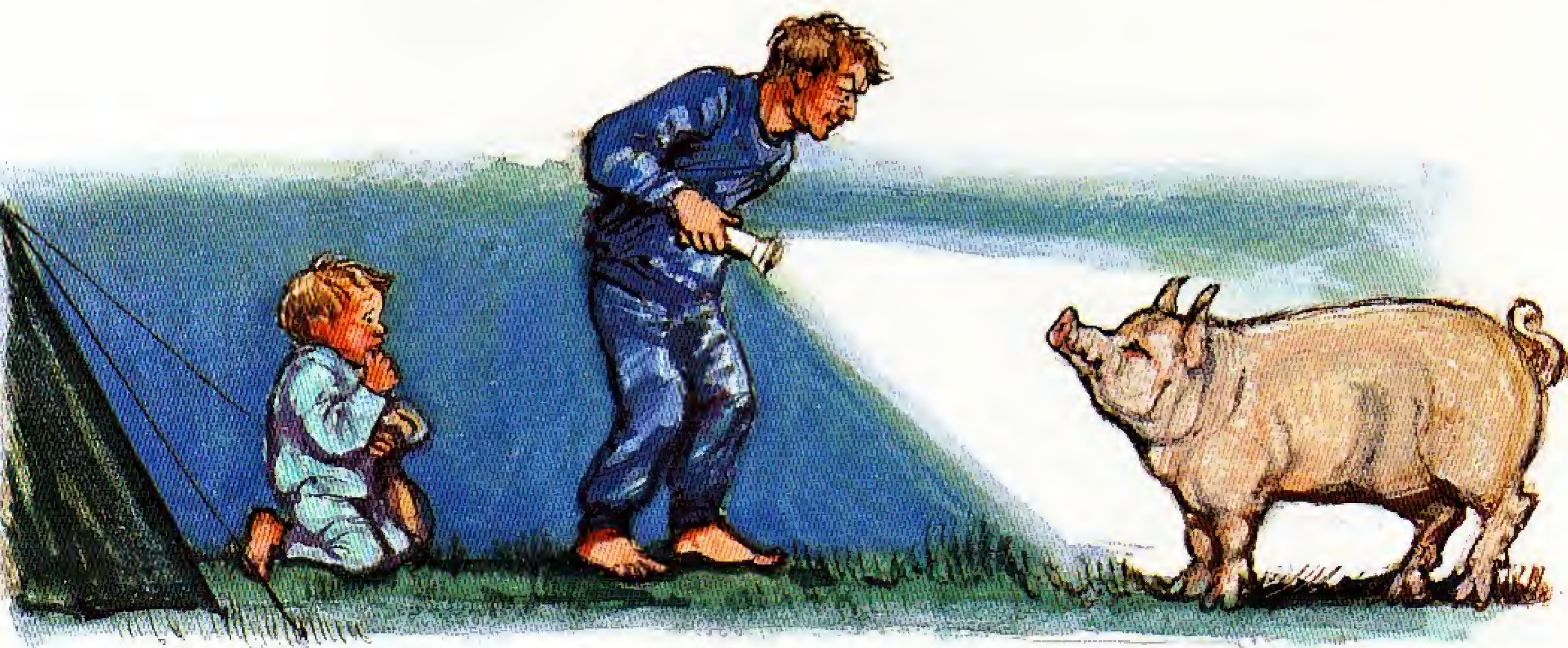


Three's company when friends come to play...

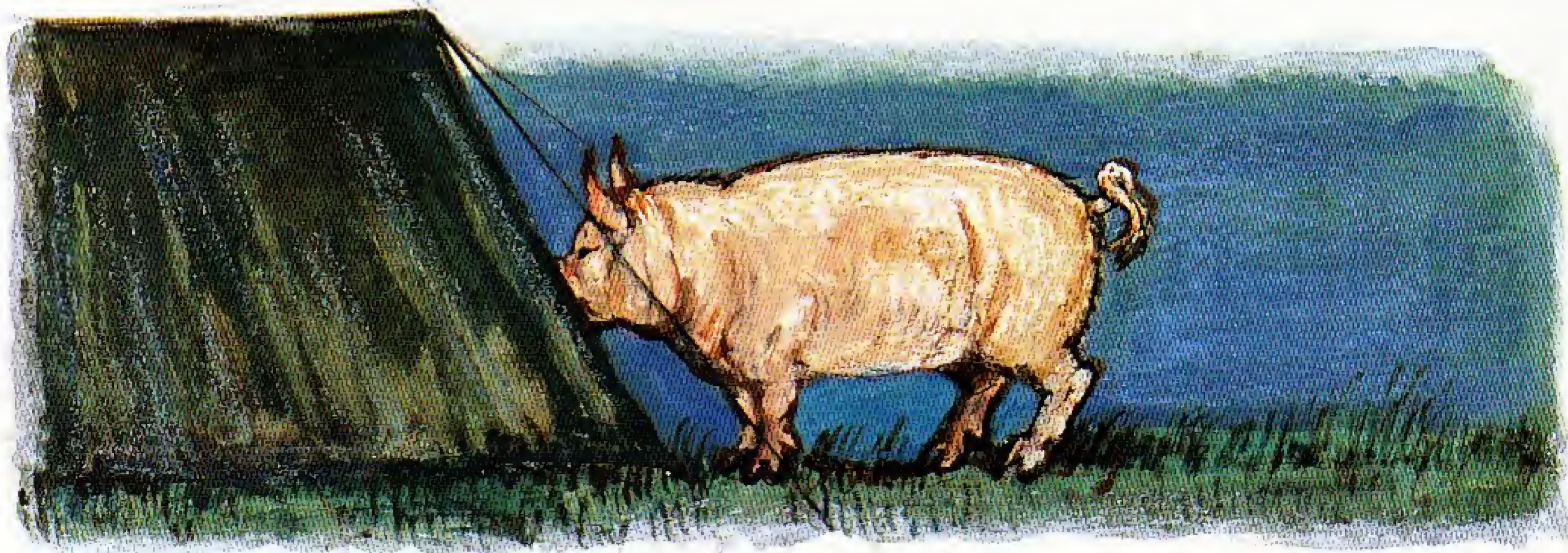
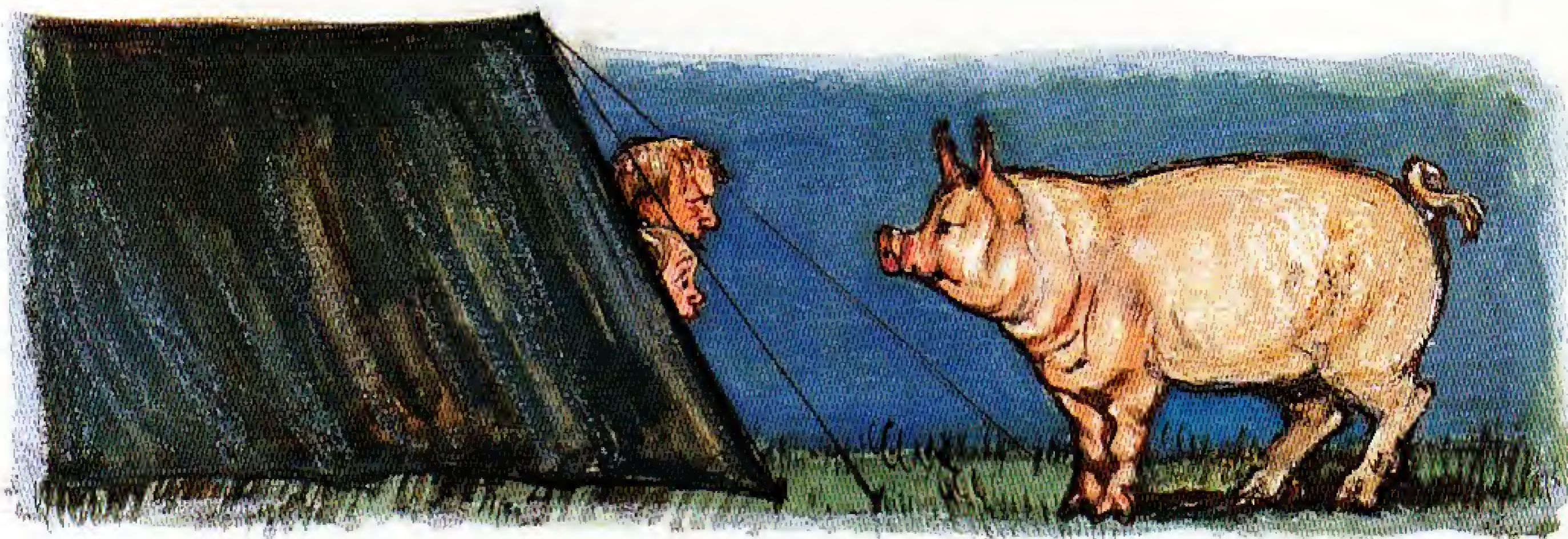


...though sometimes Annie Rose feels left out.

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Alfie and his dad and the pig make **three**.



Funny old pig!

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There are **four** people in Alfie's family
(not counting Chessie the cat).



But when they go on a visit to Grandma's house there are **five**.

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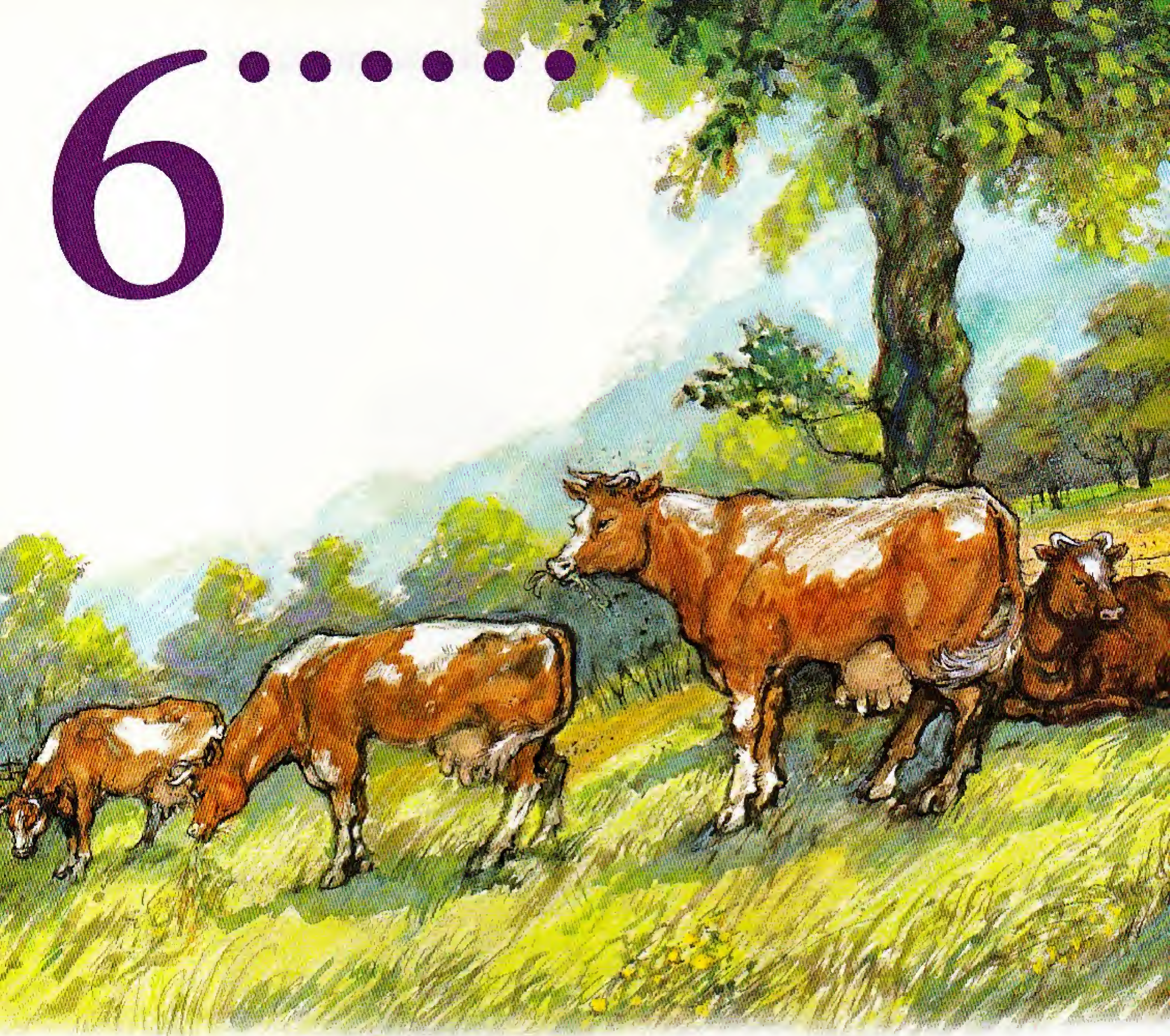


Five people getting ready for a party...

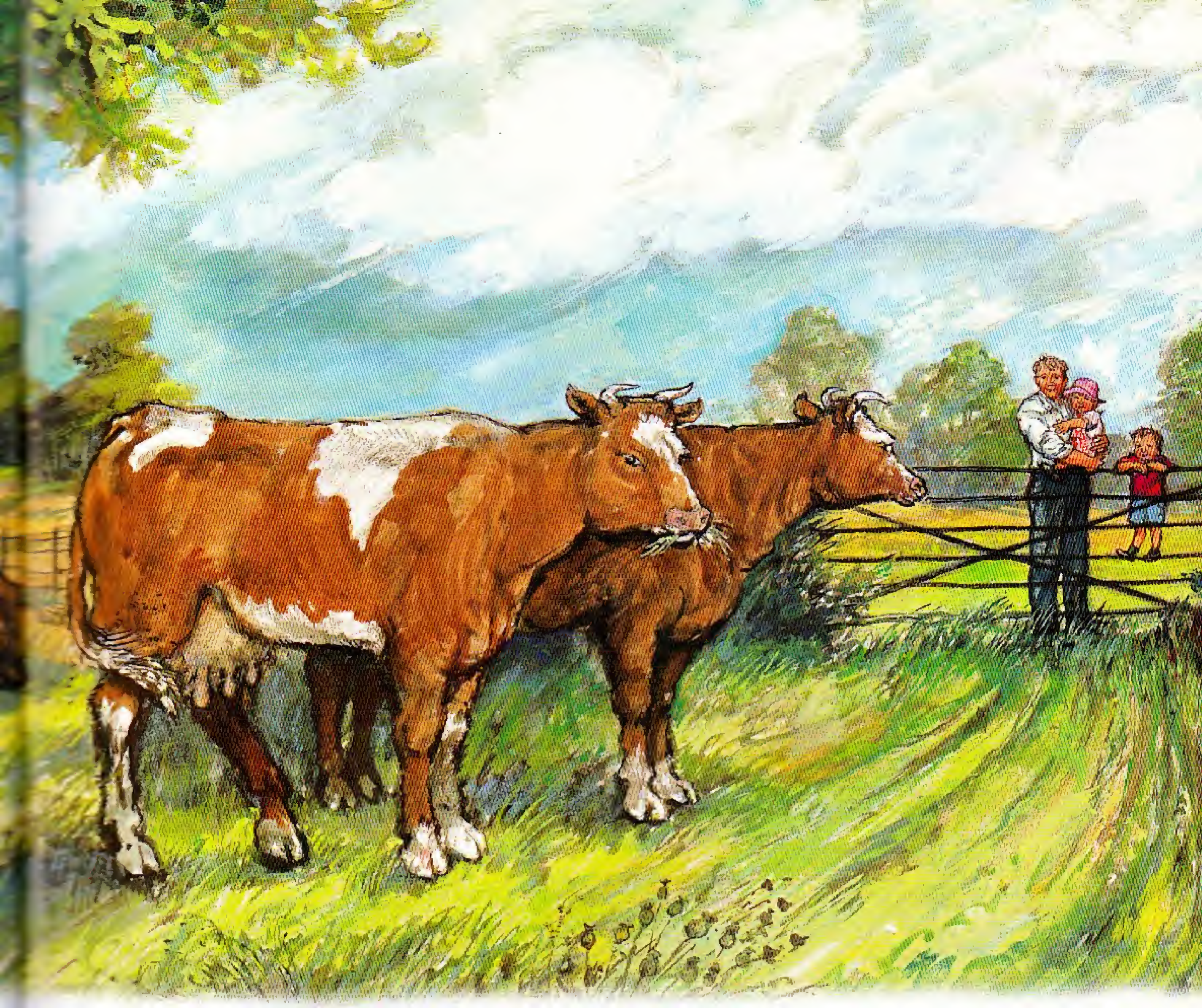


...and **five** balloons!

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Six cows, browsing in a field...



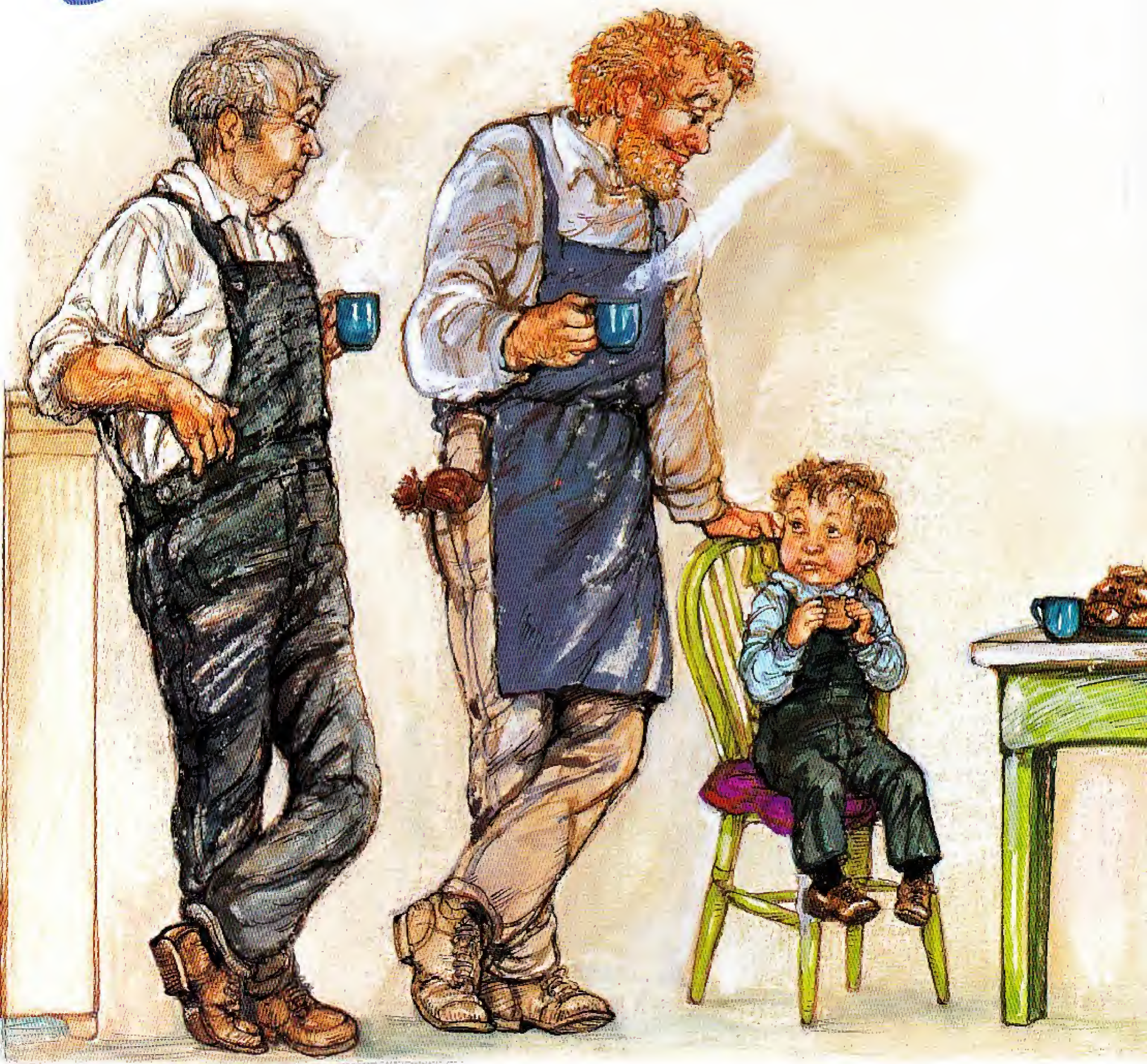
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...and **six** children sitting around the table at Alfie's birthday party.

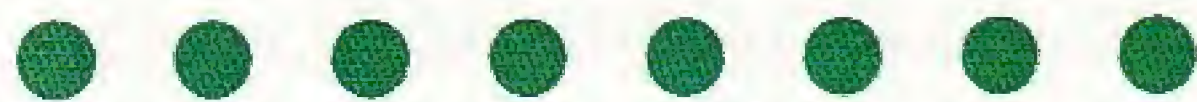
Sam is *under* the table,
so that makes seven!



Seven friendly neighbours,
having tea together.



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Eight party children, popping bubbles.
Bubbles are light, they float in the air...



...some big, some small... too many to
count when you are busy popping!

8



Eight people walking to work up
Alfie's street. Are the same number
coming home again?



If you add one little dog that makes nine.

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Nine messy bears, walking around
Alfie's bowl.



And **nine** old friends, waiting to play.

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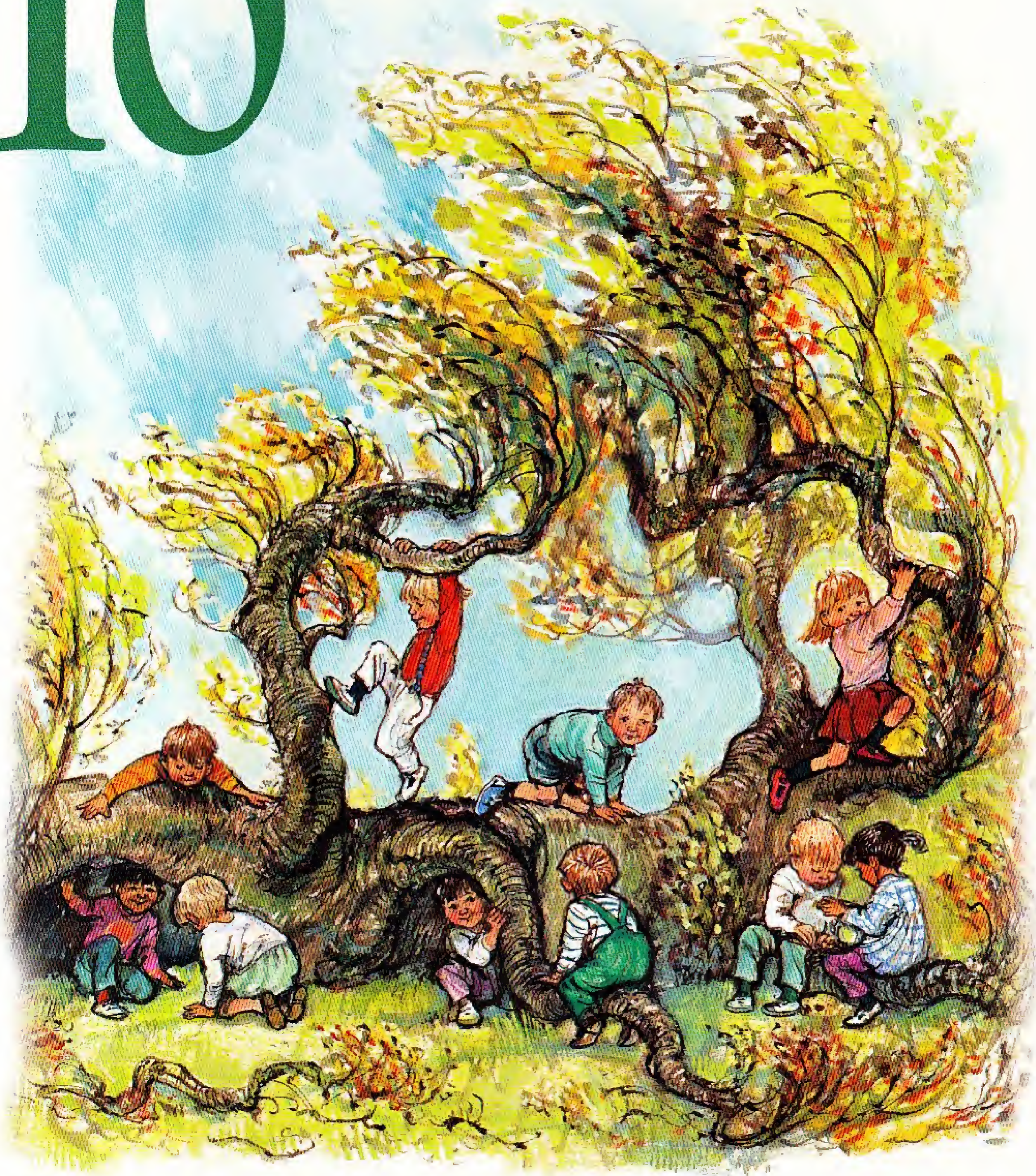


Ten fingers each – five on one hand
and five on the other!



And how many toes?

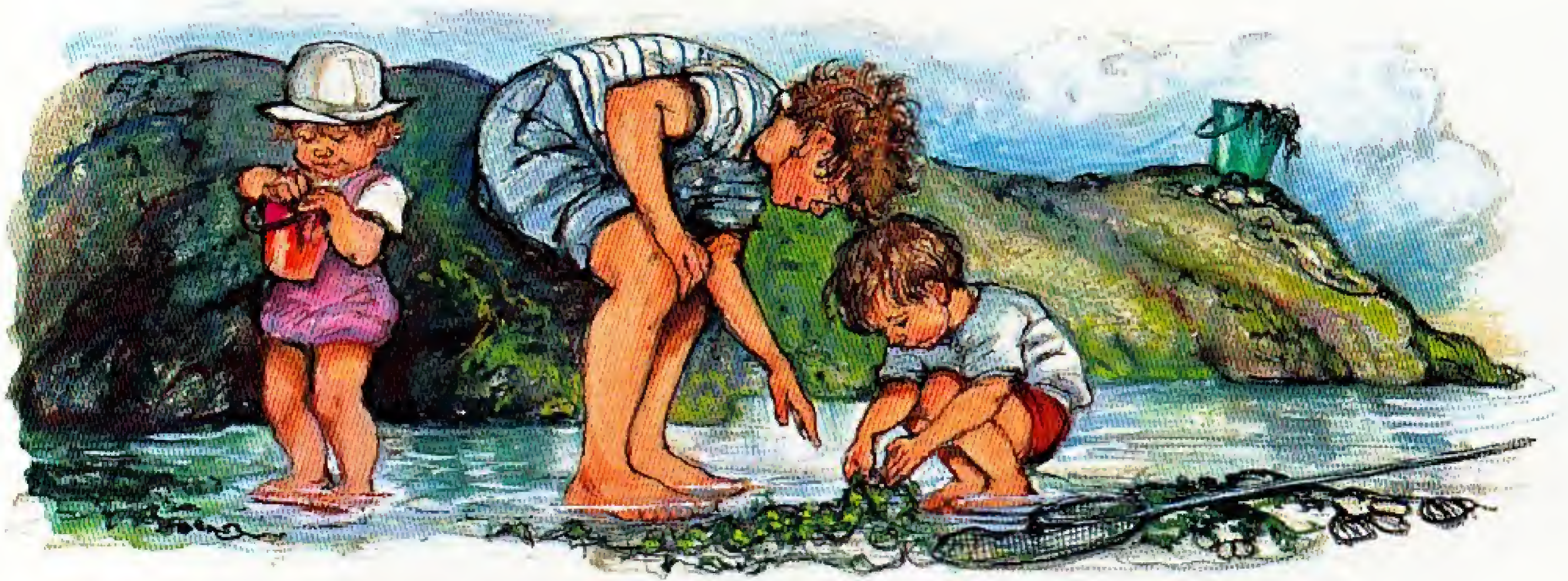
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Ten children playing on a big fallen tree.



And so many leaves on the trees,
and so many flowers and berries growing,



and shells and stones on the beach...



...and creatures on the earth...



...and so many stars in the sky
that we can't count them!

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SHIRLEY HUGHES' first picture book was published in 1960, and she has illustrated over two hundred children's books since then. Alfie and Annie Rose are two of her best-loved characters, and the ups and downs of their daily lives are mirrored in many children's own experiences. The beautiful pictures that Shirley creates are based on hours of careful observation, plus inspired insight into the little things that loom so large in children's lives.

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